

for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4226, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Commercialization and Development Act; and S. 2470, Steel Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPUTER SECURITY ACT

Committee on Science, Space and Technology: Subcommittee on Transportation, Aviation and Materials held a hearing on Implementation of the Computer Security Act of 1987 (P.L. 100-235). Testimony was heard from Jay Plager, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Raymond G. Kammer, Deputy Director, National Institute of Science and Technology, Department of Commerce; RAdm. W. O. Studeman, USN, Director, NSA; John Lafferty, Deputy Associate Director, Training and Investigations Group, OPM; Frank McDonough, Deputy Commissioner, Federal Information Resources Management, GSA; and Howard G. Rhile, Jr., Associate Director, Information Management and Technology Division, GAO.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 4951, Employee Health Benefits Improvements Act of 1988. Testimony was heard from Representative Pease; and public witnesses.

QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SSA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security hearing on proposals to improve the quality of services provided by the SSA. Testimony was heard from Representatives Levin of Michigan and Clement; Michael Carozza, Deputy Commissioner, Policy and External Affairs, SSA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CORRECT THE TARIFF RATE INVERSION ON CERTAIN IRON AND STEEL PIPE AND TUBE PRODUCTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1336, to correct the tariff rate inversion on certain iron and steel pipe and tube products; and H.R. 2419, to correct the tariff rate inversion on alloy iron and steel pipes and tubes. Testimony was heard from Judith Hippler Bello, General Counsel, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

A DOMESTIC PRIORITY: OVERCOMING FAMILY POVERTY IN AMERICA

Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families: Held a hearing on "Domestic Priority: Overcoming

Family Poverty in America". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4784, appropriating funds for fiscal year 1989 for the Department of Agriculture, rural development, and related agencies, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

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APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4637, appropriating funds for fiscal year 1989 for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs.

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Friday, September 23, 1988

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2826-2828, and S.J. Res. 384.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1991, entitled the "Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Amendments Act of 1987", with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 100-543)

S. 1480, to improve the integration of universities and private industry into the National Laboratory system of the Department of Energy in order to speed the development of technology in areas of significant economic potential, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 100-544)

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Correction: Senate passed H. Con. Res. 351, to correct errors in the enrollment of S.

328, Prompt Payment Act Amendments of 1988, after agreeing to Sasser/Danforth Amendment No. 3281, to correct an omission.

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Expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works: Senate agreed to S. Res. 454, increasing the limitation on expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works for the procurement of consultants with funds transferred from administrative expenses at no additional increase to authorized budget.

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Use of U.S. Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 137, to provide for the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol in honor of John F. Kennedy.

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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Printing Authorization: Senate passed S. Res. 472, authorizing the printing of background information relating to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Job Training Partnership Act: Senate passed H.R. 4857, to amend the Job Training Partnership Act to make a technical change, after agreeing to Dole (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3287, to establish an effective date for enactment.

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National Sewing Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 580, to designate the Month of September 1988 as "National Sewing Month", and the resolution was then passed.

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Coastweeks '88: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 369, to designate the period of September 17 through October 10, 1988, as "Coastweeks '88", and the resolution was then passed.

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National Commission on the Thrift Industry: Senate passed S. 2653, to establish a National Commission on the Thrift Industry, after agreeing to committee amendments, and a Dole (for Garn/Proxmire) Amendment No. 3288, to include the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation within the scope of the Commission Study.

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Minimum Wage Restoration Act of 1988: Senate continued consideration of S. 837, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, to restore the minimum wage to a fair and equitable rate, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute and amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Hatch Amendment No. 3040, to provide for a new hire wage.

(2) Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 3041 (to Amendment No. 3040), of a perfecting nature.

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By 56 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 336), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to close further debate on the committee substitute for the bill.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and amendments proposed thereto, on Monday, September 26.

Prompt Payment Act Amendments of 1988: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 328, to amend chapter 39, United States Code, to require the Federal Government to pay interest on overdue payments, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Grassley/Armstrong Amendment No. 3280, to establish a Presidential Advisory Panel for Coordination of Government Debt Collection and Delinquency Prevention Activities. (By 54 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 337), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Judiciary Office Building Development Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1934, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to contract for the design and construction of a building adjacent to Union Station in the District of Columbia to house agencies offices in the judicial branch of the United States.

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Commemorating the Bicentennial of the French Revolution and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S.J. Res. 317, commemorating the bicentennial of the French Revolution and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Richard H. Headlee, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Roger W. Mehle, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

Joy Cherian, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Charles L. Hosler, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

Roland W. Schmitt, of New York, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation.

Hillel Fradkin, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

Donald Kagan, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities.

Leslee Kathryn Alexander, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

R. Kent Burton, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Thomas C. Griscom, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Communications Satellite Corporation until the date of the annual meeting of the Corporation in 1991.

Routine lists of Coast Guard nominations.

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—337)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:12 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, September 26. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Senator Byrd in today's Record on page 25261.)

Committee Meetings

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Ken Kramer, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Wirth and Armstrong, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered the following business items favorably reported:

H.R. 791, to provide for the protection of groundwater through State standards, planning, and research activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2384, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991 for programs of the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, with an amendment;

H.R. 4030, to strengthen certain fish and wildlife laws, with amendments;

S. Res. 412, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of biodegradable plastic products;

H.R. 4365, to designate the Sunderland National Salmon Station located in Sunderland, Massachusetts, as the "Richard Cronin National Salmon Station";

An original concurrent resolution to express the sense of Congress that the historic preservation and commercial development of a self-sustaining Union Station will provide historic benefit to Washington, DC and the nation;

An original bill to authorize the completion of two facades of the Internal Revenue Service Building;

H.R. 4410, to designate the Federal building at Spring and High Streets in Columbus, Ohio, as the "John W. Bricker Building"; and

An original bill to designate the U.S. Courthouse in Rutland, Vermont, as the "Robert T. Stafford U.S. Courthouse and Post Office."

WAR POWERS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Special Subcommittee on War Powers resumed hearings to review the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (P.L. 93-148), receiving testimony from Frank C. Carlucci III, Secretary of Defense; Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; James Bond, University of Puget Sound School of Law, Tacoma, Washington; William Goldsmith, Brandeis University, Providence, Rhode Island; and Louis Henkin, Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York.

Hearings continue on Thursday, September 29.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 5346-5377; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 662 and 663, H. Con. Res. 372, and H. Res. 543 and 544 were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 531, providing amounts from the contingent fund of the House for further expenses of investigations and studies by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in the second session of the One Hundredth Congress (H. Rept. 100-958);

H.R. 3544, to increase the size of the Big Thicket National Preserve in the State of Texas by adding the Village Creek Corridor unit, the Big Sandy Corridor unit, and the Canyonlands unit, amended (H. Rept. 100-959);

H.R. 3614, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a section of the Columbia River in Washington State as a study area for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, amended (H. Rept. 100-960);

H.R. 4146, to designate wilderness within Olympic National Park, Mount Rainier National Park, and North Cascades National Park Complex in the State of Washington, amended (H. Rept. 100-961);

H.R. 3343, to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act and related laws to improve the performance of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and to authorize appropriations for that Act, amended (H. Rept. 100-962);

H.R. 5288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an improved system of review of decisions of the Veterans' Administration with respect to claims for veterans' benefits, amended (H. Rept. 100-963);

H.R. 5221, to amend title 38, United States Code, with respect to the housing loan program carried out under chapter 37 of such title, amended (H. Rept. 100-964);

H. Con. Res. 322, recognizing the loyalty and dedication of the American and Panamanian employees of the Panama Canal Commission during the current political unrest in the Republic of Panama, and resolving to protect their personal safety and the integrity of their homes and workplaces, amended (H. Rept. 100-965);

H.R. 4558, to transfer administration of bridges and causeways over navigable waters from the Secretary of Transportation to the Secretary of the Army, amended (H. Rept. 100-966);

H.R. 4557, to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to require alerting and locating equipment, including emergency position indicating radio beacons, on United States uninspected vessels, amended (H. Rept. 100-967);

H.R. 4919, to approve the governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, amended (H. Rept. 100-968);

H.R. 5287, to establish the Panama Canal Commission Compensation Fund to provide for the accumulation of funds to meet the Panama Canal Commission's obligations under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 100-969);

H.R. 4189, to authorize appropriations to carry out the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 for fiscal years 1989 through 1993, amended (H. Rept. 100-970);

H.R. 4272, to enlarge the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, amended (H. Rept. 100-971);

H.R. 4982, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to authorize abbreviated new animal drug applications and to amend title 35, United States Code, to authorize the extension of the patents for animal drug products (H. Rept. 100-972);

H.R. 1596, to amend title 28, United States Code, to create two divisions in the Judicial District of Maryland (H. Rept. 100-973);

H.R. 4584, to authorize the development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities at Minidoka Dam in the State of Idaho, amended (H. Rept. 100-974);

H.R. 5001, to establish the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission, amended (H. Rept. 100-975);

S. 1259, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to permit access across certain Federal lands in the State of Arkansas (H. Rept. 100-976);

S. 2018, to expand the boundaries of the Congaree Swamp National Monument, to designate wilderness therein, amended (H. Rept. 100-977); and

H.R. 5056, to authorize agricultural research programs, and improve the operations of the National Agricultural Library, amended (H. Rept. 100-978).

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Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 543, electing Representative Emerson to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

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Earlier, read and accepted a letter from Representative Emerson wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

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Defense Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 340, the House agreed to the Derrick motion to table the Rowland of Connecticut motion to discharge the Committee on Armed Services from further consideration of H.R. 4264, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1989.

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Textile and Apparel Trade: By a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 341, the House agreed to H. Res. 540, providing for agreeing to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1154, to remedy injury to the United States textile and apparel industries caused by increased imports—clearing H.R. 1154 for the President.

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Privileges of the House: House agreed to H. Res. 544, returning to the Senate S. 2662, to remedy injury to the United States textile and apparel industries caused by increased imports.

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Late Reports: Conferees received permission to have until midnight Sunday, September 25, to file conference reports on H.R. 4782, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989; and H.R. 4637, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989.

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AIDS Policy Act: By a yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 344, the House passed H.R. 5142, to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish grant programs, and confidentiality protections, relating to counseling and testing with respect to acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and to amend such Act with respect to research programs relating to such syndrome.

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Rejected the McCollum motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment to require States, in order to receive grants, to require physicians and counselors to notify spouses of infected individuals (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 105 yeas to 279 nays, Roll No. 343).

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Agreed To:

The Pelosi amendment, as modified, that provides grants for the establishment of projects to develop model protocols for the clinical care of individuals with the etiologic agent for AIDS (agreed to by a recorded vote of 322 yeas to 60 noes, Roll No. 342);

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The Pelosi amendment, as modified, that provides grants for the development, establishment, or expansion of programs to provide counseling and mental health treatment to individuals with positive test results;

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The Coats amendment that requires States, in order to receive grants, to make informational material on AIDS available to applicants for marriage licenses; and

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The Coats amendment that requires States, in order to receive grants, to provide any or all information on the AIDS virus, updated every six months, to all physicians and dentists in the State.

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Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 1220, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of the House-passed bill. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill.

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House then insisted on its amendments to S. 1220, and asked a conference

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross references, punctuation, and indentations, and to make other necessary technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the House amendments to S. 1220.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight Sunday, September 25, to file a conference report on H.R. 4784, making appropriations for Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989.

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Alternative Motor Fuels: House agreed to the conference report on S. 1518, to amend the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act to provide for the appropriate treatment of methanol and ethanol—clearing the measure for the President.

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Regulatory Fairness: House cleared for the President H.R. 2858, to provide for refunds pursuant to rate decreases under the Federal Power Act; by agreeing to the Senate amendment thereto.

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Natural Gas Uniform Regulatory Jurisdiction: House cleared for the President H.R. 2884, to assure uniformity in the exercise of regulatory jurisdiction pertaining to the transportation of natural gas and to clarify that the local transportation of natural gas by a distribution company is a matter within State jurisdiction and subject to regulation by State commissions; by agreeing to the Senate amendment thereto.

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Late Report: Committee on Agriculture received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a report on H.R. 5056, to authorize agricultural research programs, and to improve the operations of the National Agricultural Library.

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Railroad Drug Abuse Prevention: The Clerk was authorized to correct the text of H.R. 4748, to amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 to provide for drug and alcohol testing for railroad employees, passed on September 20.

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Mineral Resources Research: House agreed, with an amendment, to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3977, to authorize appropriations for the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Act for fiscal years 1990 through 1993—returning the measure to the Senate.

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Printing: House agreed to the following resolutions authorizing printing:

H. Con. Res. 350, authorizing the printing of a history of the Committee on Ways and Means. Agreed to the Jones of Tennessee amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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H. Con. Res. 361, to print a revised edition of "Our Flag". Agreed to the Jones of Tennessee amendment in the nature of a substitute; and agreed to amend the title;

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H. Con. Res. 367, authorizing printing of the booklet entitled "Black Americans in Congress"; and

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H. Con. Res. 368, authorizing printing of the booklet entitled "Women in Congress".

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Rotunda Inaugural Use: House agreed to S. Con. Res. 141, authorizing the rotunda of the United States Capitol to be used on January 20, 1989, in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States—clearing the measure.

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Mahatma Gandhi Memorial: House passed H.R. 3455, to authorize the Indian American Forum for Political Education to establish a memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in the District of Columbia.

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Agreed to the Oakar amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to amend the title.

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Vietnam Women's Memorial: House passed S. 2042, to authorize the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc., to construct a statue of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in honor and recognition of the women of the United States who served in the Vietnam conflict.

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Agreed to the Oakar amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Agreed to amend the title.

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American Indian Heritage Week: House passed and cleared for the President S.J. Res. 322, to designate the week of September 23–30, 1988, as "National American Indian Heritage Week".

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Referrals: Three Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 25074, 25091, 25098, 25107, 25108. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REGISTRATION OF CONSULTANTS

Committee on Armed Services: Acquisition Policy Panel held a hearing on the registration of consultants. Testimony was heard from Senators Pryor and Warner; Dennis Trosch, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MEDICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held a hearing on the development and use of medical practice guidelines in assuring quality care. Testimony was heard from Dr. William L. Roper, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2848, amended, Satellite Home Viewer Copyright Act of 1988; and H.R. 4992, to expand our national telecommunications system for the benefit of the hearing and speech-impaired populations.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on H.R. 2848. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANGLADESH DISASTER ASSISTANCE; HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs approved for full Committee action the following: the Bangladesh Disaster Assistance Act of 1988; and H. Con. Res. 303, amended, commending humanitarian treatment of Southeast Asian refugees and urging further measures to ensure humanitarian treatment of the refugees.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on Disaster Relief for Bangladesh. Testimony was heard from Jay Morris, Deputy Director, AID; Howard Schaffer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asian Affairs, Department of State; and a public witness.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.N.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations and the Subcommittee on International Operations held a joint hearing on Recent Developments in the United Nations. Testimony was heard from Richard S. Williamson, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs approved for full Committee action the following draft reports: "Implementation, by IRS, of a Document Matching Program for Income Paid to Business Taxpayers Should Produce Billions of Additional Dollars of Tax Revenue"; "Problems With the SEC's Enforcement of U.S. Securities Laws in Cases Involving Suspicious Trades Originating From Abroad;" and "Combating Fraud, Abuse, and Misconduct in the Nation's Financial Institutions; Current Federal Efforts Are Inadequate."

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime continued oversight hearings on illegal trafficking of firearms and drugs. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

Hearings continue September 28.

IMPLICATIONS OF LICENSING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Held a hearing on Implications of Licensing Decision on Long March Rocket. Testimony was heard from Eugene McAllister, Assistant Secretary, Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; Karl D. Jackson, Deputy Assistant Secretary (East Asian and Public Affairs), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on U.S.-Soviet Economic Relations with Emphasis on American Small Business. Testimony was heard from Louie Laun, Assistant Secretary, Economic Affairs, United States International Trade Administration; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQI CHEMICAL WEAPONS USE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5337, Sanctions Against Iraqi Chemical Weapons Use Act.

Joint Meetings**APPROPRIATIONS—COMMERCE/JUSTICE/STATE**

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Monday, September 26, 1988

Senate**Chamber Action**

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2829-2832, and S.J. Res. 385.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1305, to settle certain claims arising out of activities on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 100-548)

H.R. 2839, to correct historical and geographical oversights in the establishment and development of the Utah component of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, to unify the land base of the Goshute Reservation, to simplify the boundaries of the Goshute Reservation, and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 100-549)

H.R. 4505, to authorize appropriations to the Department of Energy for civilian research and development programs for fiscal year 1989, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. (S. Rept. No. 100-550)

S. 2086, to establish a trust fund using civil penalties collected under the Occupational Health and